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SUBJ: YOUR FRIDAY NIGHT DAR

1. FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF MY TODAY'S ACTIVITIES COULD BE DRAWN  
UPON FOR YOUR DAR IF YOU HAVE ROOM FOR ANY OF IT.

2. MET WITH PRINCIPAL OFFICERS FROM IVORY COAST, SENEGAL,  
MAURITANIA, UPPER VOLTA, NIGER, MALI, CHAD AND GAMBIA, TOGETHER  
WITH AID, PEACE CORPS AND USIS REPRESENTATIVES FROM WASHINGTON  
AND AREA FIELD POSTS ON FIRST DAY OF TWO DAY MEETING ON SAHELIAN  
RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS AND RELATED ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL  
MATTERS. STAN SCOTT OF WHITE HOUSE STAFF ATTENDED AS OBSERVER.

3. TODAY'S SESSION DEVOTED MAINLY TO AMBASSADORS' AND CHARGES'  
COMMENTS ON SITUATIONS IN THEIR COUNTRIES IN REGARD TO

A) EFFECTS OF FUEL PRICE RISE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS;

B) ATTITUDE OF ARAB STATES TOWARD HELPING THESE AFRICAN  
COUNTRIES SOLVE PROBLEMS LARGELY CAUSED BY POLICIES OF ARAB  
OIL PRODUCERS;

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C) US TRADE AND INVESTMENT;

D) COMMODITY PROBLEMS AND COMING SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA;  
E) POLICY TOWARD SEVEN-NATION SAHELIAN INTER-STATE DROUGHT  
COMMITTEE.

4. CONSENSUS OF AMBASSADORS WAS THAT ALTHOUGH ARAB GOVERNMENTS  
HAD ACKNOWLEDGED SOME RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP ALLEVIATE IMPACT  
OF OIL PRICE RISE ON DEVELOPING AFRICAN COUNTRIES, THEY HAD NOT  
YET DONE SO TO MEANINGFUL EXTENT IN ANY OF THE AMBASSADORS'  
HOST COUNTRIES. PRICE RISE ITSELF WILL GENERALLY APPROXIMATE  
INCOME FROM FOREIGN AID AND LEAVE SAHELIAN COUNTRIES IN  
DESPERATE STRAIGHTS FOR DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT AND EVEN FOR  
FUNDS TO FINANCE INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION OF FAMINE RELIEF  
COMMODITIES.

5. IN COURTESY CALL I PAID ON FOREIGN MINISTER USHER, HE  
ECHOED SIMILAR CONCERN RE ARAB HELP TO LESS FORTUNATE AFRICAN  
BRETHREN AND SAID THIS ISSUE WOULD BE RAISED IN OAU COUNCIL  
MEETING IN KAMPALA FOR WHICH HE DEPARTED LATER TODAY.  
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